Branch of Public Sector	Employment (in million)		
	2003	2004	2005
Central Government State Govt.	3.13	3.03	2.94
Quasi Govt. (Central)* Quasi Govt.	7.37	7.22	7.20
(State) Local Bodies	3.18	3.30	3.29
TOTAL:	2.72	2.52	2.46
	2.18	2.13	2.12

(b) and (c) There was no such target set.

Programme to create new posts in Central Government offices

2598. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unemployed youths registering their names in the employment exchanges all over the country upto 31st December, 2007;

(b) whether the Central Government has any definite plan and programme to create new posts in the Central Government offices and organisations during the year 2008-09;

(c) how many vacant posts are therein the offices of the Central Government and its organisations, as existing and also as declared void upto 31st January, 2008; and

(d) the details of the vacant posts and the steps taken to fill them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) The number of youth in the age-group of 15—29, all of whom may not necessarily be unemployed, registered with employment exchanges in the country as on 31.12.2005 was 27.83 million.

(b) to (d) Such data is not maintained centrally.

ESI hospital in **Tamil Nadu**

2599. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ESI hospitals functioning in the State of Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether any new hospitals are proposed to be started in the State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) There are nine ESI hospitals functioning in the State of Tamil Nadu as under:— *

1. ESI Hospital, Coimbatore
2. ESI Hospital, Aynavaram, Chennai
3. ESI Hospital, Madurai